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**Via ECF**

Hon. Philip M. Halpern  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
300 Quarropas Street  
White Plains, New York 10601-4150

Application granted in part. Defendant Venettozzi shall answer or otherwise move with respect to the Complaint in accordance with the Court's Individual Practices by May 3, 2023.

The Clerk of Court is respectfully requested to terminate the motion sequence pending at Doc. 21.

SO ORDERED.

  
Philip M. Halpern  
United States District Judge

Dated: White Plains, New York  
March 31, 2023

Re: **Castillo v. Snedeker, et al., 21-cv-11109- (PMH)**

Dear Judge Halpern:

Defendant, First Deputy Superintendent Don E. Venettozzi ("Defendant John"), was served with the summons and complaint in the above-referenced matter on March 13, 2023. His response is due on April 3, 2023. Upon information and belief, and on review of the Docket, co-defendants C.O. Robert C. Snedeker and C.H.O. Katherine Henley have not been served. I write, on behalf of the aforementioned Defendants, to respectfully request that their time to move or answer with respect to the Complaint, be extended to June 2, 2023. This is the Defendants' first request for an extension.

Defendant Venettozzi has requested legal representation from this Office, pursuant to New York State Public Officers Law § 17. However, pursuant to that statute, prior to undertaking his representation, this Office must conduct an investigation and review of the facts and circumstances of the case in order to determine whether representation by this Office would be appropriate. additional time is needed so that this Office can obtain the relevant documents and conduct the required factual investigation and representational analysis required by Public Officers Law § 17. Moreover, the additional time is needed to prepare an appropriate response to the Complaint, if representation is undertaken.

Although Defendants Snedeker and Henley have not yet been served, this request is also being submitted on their behalf so as to obviate the need for piecemeal requests for time if and when service is completed.

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Plaintiff's consent has not been sought because of the difficulty in prompt communication with incarcerated pro se litigants. Thank you for your consideration of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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